



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SBPD Crosswalk Enforcement Results**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 22, 2012**

In response to concern for the safety of pedestrians, on Thursday, March 22, 2012 the Santa Barbara Police Department's Traffic Unit conducted pedestrian crosswalk directed patrols at four locations within the city. This enforcement effort stemmed from citizen complaints of vehicles speeding and not yielding to pedestrians while in a crosswalk, in violation of sections 22350 and 21950 of the California Vehicle Code.

The locations where the enforcement activities took place were the intersections of Anacapa Street & Arrellaga Street, Milpas Street & Yanonali Street, Salinas Street & Clifton Street, and De La Vina Street & Arden Road. A total of sixty citations were issued for violation of 21950 VC, failure to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The number of citations issued at each location was as follows: Anacapa Street – 9, Milpas Street – 39, Salinas Street – 1, De La Vina Street – 11. Additionally, two of the motorists on Milpas Street were cited for being unlicensed drivers and had their vehicles impounded.

The selection of the locations for this enforcement effort was not random, but based on volume of vehicle traffic, volume of pedestrian traffic, and collision statistics. Since July 2007, twelve traffic fatalities have occurred in Santa Barbara, nine of which involved pedestrians.

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